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ORIT Congress in Mexico City; Villatoro Speech.

1. We are interested to learn what effect, if any, VILLATORO's anti-Arbens speech at subject congress has made in your area, especially in labor circles, among labor union officials, etc.? We understand that reprints of that speech have been sent and distributed in Guatemala.
2. In the same context, we would like to be informed about the impression which subject congress as a whole has made in Guatemala, what comments and reactions it has drawn, especially among labor unions officials, etc.
3. Thus far, our search of the Guatemalan press, as received here, has been negative on both scores. However, you might find some such information in labor union publications which are not received here. Furthermore, one or the other of your contacts might be able to learn something about the internal effects of the speech and of the congress.
4. Answers to above questions shall not only help us to evaluate the results of subject congress, but may also indicate -- or so we hope, at least -- signs of continuing anti-communist trends in the Guatemalan labor movement which we would be very much interested in exploiting operationally, if at all possible.

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